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THE CITY: HEARING HELD ON LABOR PROBLEMS

"EVACUEE TRUST FUND" DISCUSSED

A definite desire for an "evacuee trust fund" in which a part of the earnings of those working in the City at private employment, commuting and working outside would be deposited was generally expressed at the open hearing on labor problems held Wednesday night at Dining Hall 10. The hearing was sponsored by the labor committee of the Community Council, with Dr. George Ochikubo as chairman.

Among the panel of speakers were the following and the divisions they represented: Assistant Project Director James F. Hughes, Hiro Katayama and Hi Bando (Social welfare), George Shimamoto (maintenance), Tadao Takiuchi (commissary), G. Nakahiro (kitchen), and James Hirano (block managers). Interpretations in Japanese were given by Toshio Yoshida and James Nishimura.

Although the main objective of the WRA is to relocate evacuees, the administration of Topaz is proceeding carefully along this line in order to be able to send out best representative evacuees, it was stated by Hughes. The evacuee's qualifications and "order of merit" which would include his department and work record in the City would be given first consideration for any permanent outside employment, he said.

In the general discussion, which followed the talks the shortage of labor at present in the City was stressed time and again. Two of the most significant contributions to the discussion were made by Ray Kaneko of the transportation department and Claude Cornwall, head of the employment division. Kaneko declared the labor shortage was an "artificial" one in that there was really plenty of available manpower in the City, but that this manpower was not turning out for work since it did not seem to realize the seriousness of the labor shortage in certain vital division. He believed the tapping of this present unemployed reserve would solve the labor shortage. Cornwall pointed out that 400 sugar beet workers would be returning to the City within two or three weeks and that "they would be all looking for work."

In closing the hearing, Dr. Ochikubo said the labor committee of the Community Council would meet with resident leaders and the administration and a labor policy for the City would be set after the consultations.

600 ATTEND ARMISTICE FETE

According to reports twice-over to Armistice Day and Education Week in a fitting program embracing the two national events, approximately 600 students and residents assembled Wednesday afternoon before an improvised stage in front of Rec 32 for outdoor observances. Principal LeGrand Noble presided over the occasion, which was sponsored by the Topaz City High School.

Presentation of colors by the Boy Scouts Troop #26 from Berkeley opened the colorful ceremonies, followed by "The Star Spangled Banner" from the assemblage led by Paul Tani, student. Warren Richard Nelson, teacher

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Bed Time

EDUCATION WEEK: The following announcement was released by Dr. Reese Maughan of the education department:

"This week has been set aside by President Roosevelt as American Education Week. All over the nation the schools and communities of America are emphasizing educational aspects of American life in order that the importance of education may be brought to light.

"The educational staff of Topaz is presenting a program for all parents and friends of school children tonight (Friday, Nov. 13 at 7:30 in Dining Hall 32). Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

"A good program has been arranged."

ABSENTEE BALLOT: From the 3 largest counties in California: San Francisco, Los Angeles and Alameda, there were 17,582 absentee ballots sent out to citizens throughout the nation. Many were sent to residents in the 10 relocation centers; there were 1200 ballots sent to absentee voters from San Diego.

These absentee votes may possibly decide 3 close races: lieutenant governor, secretary of state and congressman (Izac vs. Abbey) from San Diego.

Latest tabulation from a total of 14,494 precincts.

Lieut. Gov.--(from 14,345 precincts) Houser (R) 1,053,621; and Patterson (D) 1,040,204. Sec. of State--(from 14,382 precincts) Jordan (R) 979,104; and Peek (D) 957,171.

Weather report as released by Topaz Weather Bureau--taken on Thursday, Nov. 12, at 5 PM: minimum temp. 11° F. and maximum temp. 60° F.

of agricultural science delivered the prayer.

Dr. John C. Carlisle, in his first appearance before the Topaz student body, declared that the students and residents of Topaz as well as all Americans must acquire an appreciation of the blessing of liberty. He maintained that "we must look to the new armistice for richer lessons in the heritage of freedom, and educate ourselves to adhere to the peace that will surely follow."

Declaring that the young people must make the most of their opportunities here and accept the resultant responsibilities was the lesson emanating from the address of Lorna W. Bell, chief of Community Services.

"You are the hope of this high school. You are the hope of Topaz because Topaz will go the way you make it. For understanding and appreciation of your relationship, in Topaz or America, you've got to educate yourselves so other Americans can understand you," he cautioned.

Student participants included two speakers, Lily Miyachi and Billy Oshima; Mary Eijima, piano; and Ernestina Teranishi, violinist.

Six resident American Legionnaires, who were present, were introduced by Mr. Noble.

BEET WORKERS COME HOME



Initiating the coming return flow of workers from the sugar beet fields in Utah and Idaho, a number of workers "came home" Monday and Tuesday. Forty-three employees of the Amalgamated Sugar Company in Cache County, Utah, are expected to arrive in Topaz Wednesday morning.

On Monday Asao Sakaki, Yasuo Nakatani, and Tom T. Koga reached the project from Alpine, Utah.

Tuesday morning the contingent included Mr. and Mrs. John S. Towata, Eiji Kikugawa, Sunao Akinaga, Sam Akinaga from Preston, Idaho; James Ono, Toru M. Okawachi, Jim Kinoshita and Yoshio Namba, American Fork, Utah; and Tom M. Minami, Cornish, Utah.

Upon return the boys underwent a physical examination before submitting to the regular procedure of induction.

WEDDING BELLS



Wedding bells will ring for the first time in Topaz on the occasion of the nuptial rites of Taro Katayama and Yuki Shiozawa this Sunday from 3 PM at Rec 22. Members of their families will be in attendance. Rev. Joseph Tsukamoto will officiate.

Katayama, a former San Franciscan, was editor of the Totalizer of Tanforan. Miss Shiozawa is a former resident of Oakland.

FOOTBALL



Two exhibition football games are scheduled this Sunday from 1:30 PM in the Center Square, so designated until such time as the high school construction begins, the Community Activities Division revealed today.

The first game will feature a contest between the Topaz Scorpions and Frank Ogawa's All-Stars, a 11-13 age group. The winner will play Goro Suzuki's undefeated Midgets the following Sunday.

At 2:30 PM, the High School All-Stars will vie against the Topaz All-Stars, an out-of-high school group.

The offices of the Activities Division have been moved from Rec 10 to 3, it was also announced.

Briefs and Bulletins

HARVEST HOP: The "Harvest Hop" will be held this Saturday from 7:30 PM in Rec 23, states Yoshio Isono, community activities worker.

A limited number of bids may be secured at Rec 23 for the dance which is under the sponsorship of Rec 23 and 37.

FINDER NOTE: W.K. Bell of the Internal Security Division appealed today to residents who may have picked up welding tips on the hospital porch. Unless these tips are replaced, the completion of the hospital will not be possible. The finder is asked to return them at once to Fred Hoshiyama, 3-3-E.

The missing welding parts are 2 short brass tubing tips about 10" in length, and one cutting tip about 15" long. They are difficult to replace due to priorities.

POULTRY: The poultry group is planning an all-day field trip on Saturday to visit various chicken and turkey farms in Millard County. Included in the regular group will be high school students who will take lunches.

VISITOR: Miss Esther Breisemeister of the Denver YWCA will be at Rec 5 Saturday afternoon at 2:30.

She would like to meet all of the Christian ministers, members of the YWCA, and the members of the Girl Reserves.

SANTA ANITA REQUEST: Letter from Thomas H. Slick, clerk in charge of Camp Santa Anita PO:

"Will you please print a notice in your center paper asking the former Santa Anita residents to notify their publishers and correspondents of their change in address."

"Due to the tremendous amount of mail handled in this center it is impossible to have the second class matter forwarded immediately, however, it will be done as soon as possible."

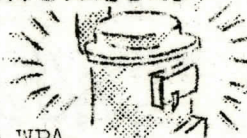
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U S ENGINEERS



to the WRA.

"In the City there are 1909 cannon heating coal stoves of 10" grate and 15" firepot, 60 cannon-type stoves of 12" grate and 19" firepot, and 728 cast iron space heaters--U.S.A. #1.

"One carload of stoves arrived in Delta carrying approximately 140 to 150 stoves, while 2 more carloads are destined for Topaz," it was stated.

PROGRESS REPORT: Construction completed in the City by the Engineers were as follows: sewer mains 100%, warehouses 100%, administration 100%, military police 100%, resident barracks 99%, electrical service 99%, hospital 87%, streets 80%, and water storage 20%.

GOVERNMENT



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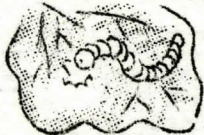
For qualified citizens who did not vote at either the primary or general election this year, and those who never registered before, the local Community Government staff pointed out the method whereby residents can register for elections in 1943.

"If you are not registered and wish to do so, you must write to the County Clerk of your home county (where your last permanent residence was located prior to evacuation), and ask him to send you a registration affidavit in order that you may register to vote in that county.

"When he sends the affidavit to you, fill it in, sign and swear to it before a notary public, and return it.

"If you were registered and failed to vote at either the primary or general elections this year, your registration is cancelled. Those who voted in the primary election at Tanforan still retain their registration," the staff stated.

AGRICULTURE



research department.

Korematsu said: "Many years ago, the residents of Washington County, in Utah, considered the industry as possible and planted mulberry trees, which are now growing vigorously. If the project is judged feasible silkworms will probably be secured from some experimental station in the United States.

NEED FOR WORKERS: Regarding the division's labor situation, Korematsu said: "The agricultural projects are in need of more workers to speed the progress of various enterprises so that residents of Topaz will be assured of more food products next year. It is hoped that more workers will enter the agricultural field when the winterization work is completed. Since it is becoming more and more difficult to secure foodstuffs, we believe it will be a contribution to the national cause for Topaz to become as self-sufficient as possible."

STOVES: From the U. S. Engineers' office were released the figures for the number of coal-burning stoves in the City. All such stoves were bought by the U. S. Engineers and transferred

Lost and Found

The following list of articles was reported last week by the Lost and Found department:

FOUND: Gray blanket found by Mr. Shimazaki; wedding and engagement ring found in Shower #11 by S. Shigemi; Black Waterman's pen found by T. Okada.

LOST: Brown and gold pen by M. Yamada; 2 glasses by S. Tsujisaka and S. Endo; blue sweater by Y. Itsuki; Kaywoodie pipe by George Yama; \$34 and important identification cards, Y. Fujishima; Elgin wristwatch by K. Onishi; Hammer with name inscribed in Japanese and English, reward, Matoba; woolen scarf, Nakahiro; and black purse by Mrs. C. Cornwall.

NOTICES

FEDERAL INSURANCE:

Residents eligible for Federal old-age and survivors insurance are reminded to make applications (if they have not already done so) to the Social Security Board, 8 Main St. Richfield, Utah.

Those eligible are persons 65 years of age, or over, who have retired and who have made Social Security payments over a minimum period of one year and 3 months. This covers industrial workers only. The Social Security number must accompany the application.

PROPERTY: There will be a meeting (tonight), Friday 7 PM at the Dining Hall 719, for those who wish to have their properties, which are stored in the San Francisco Buddhist Church, brought to this City.

CANTEEN HOURS:

Week-days:

9:30 AM to 12:45 PM

1:45 PM to 5:45 PM

6:45 PM to 8:00 PM

Sundays:

9:30 AM to 12:45 PM

1:45 PM to 3:30 PM

"DO YOU KNOW HER NAME ??
 HOW ABOUT A KNOCK-DOWN? IF YOU THINK YOU DO-LEAVE
 IT IN THE BOX IN THE CANTEEN WITH YOUR NAME AND
 ADDRESS. THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE AN ORIGINAL
 DRAWING OF HER (SIGH!) AND MYSELF." *JANKEE.*

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